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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JUNE 30, 2004

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is submitted as a response to the office action dated June 30, 2004 ("the office action"). Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to deduct the required extension fee, and any other fees necessary for any reason relating to this paper under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 to 1.21 from Locke Liddell & Sapp LLP Deposit Account No. 12-1322/021840.148US.

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